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GLADIOLUS SEED AND BULB LIST

RUSSELL B. KELLY Gladielus Hybridizer MERRIMAC. MASSACHUSETTS JAN 23 1958

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Cash with order. No C.O.D. and no order for less than \$2.00 please. All seeds and bulbs are sent prepaid. All seeds are guaranteed strictly hand pollinated and all bulbs are grown from hand pollinated seeds. If upon receipt of order you are not entirely satisfied, return same and your money will be refunded. Safe delivery of all shipments is guaranteed. I give very liberal overcount instead of discounts or extras.

Due to a season of extreme heat and drought my seed supply is somewhat limited. Therefore, when ordering seeds, please include a few substitute crosses if possible.

UNBLOOMED SEEDLING BULBS

Again this year I am offering unblocmed seedling bulbs only in mixture with no parentages given.

Each year I make many crosses which do not produce enough seed to list. These seeds are mixed with my unsold seeds at the end of the season and are planted especially for this seedling bulb mixture. The bulbs I am offering this season come from a mixture of about 275 different crosses and so will produce a very wide range of different celers and forms. Bulbs will average somewhat larger than those offered last season and a large percentage should bloom the first season if well grown.

Since my time is limited I grow only enough named crosses for my own use and so will have no bulbs of any kind to effer for sale except the above seedling mixture.

You are the originator of any seedlings you may select from these bulbs.

PRICE \$5.00 per 100 \$45.00 per 1000

HAND POLLINATED GLADIOLUS SEEDS

Gladiolus seeds are very easy to grow either in the greenhouse or in the open ground and will produce blooms the second season if well grown.

Any good well-drained garden soil will do very well for gladiolus seedbeds without special preparation other than plowing and harrowing. Here in northeastern Massachusetts gladiolus seeds may be sown any time from the first of April until about the first of June, or as early in the spring as the soil can be worked. The soil should be smoothed and leveled with a rake and a good garden fertilizer worked into the surface at the rate of 4 to 5 pounds to each 100 square feet. I use 4-10-10 commercial grade fertilizer.

For best results seeds should be sown in rows, spacing seeds about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart and covering with not over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of soil. When planting large quantities of seed I have found it to be considerably less work to plant in blocks, broadcasting seed and raking in, as in sowing lawn seed, however, this method is not recommended for plantings

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of less than a thousand or more seeds of a cross. Better germination and larger bulbs will result from carefull spacing of seeds and a uniform covering of soil.

From planting time until seedlings reach a hight of three inches it is essential that they be shaded at all times. Partial shade may be had by the use of lath shades, burlap, straw, brush, or any method that will keep the direct rays of the sun from drying out the top half inch of soil. When plants are well established all shade should be removed.

The soil should be kept fairly moist until seeds germinate, however, too much water applied when plants are very small is apt to encourage damping-off and other fungus diseases. After shade is removed the soil will dry out much more quickly in full sunlight and watering will be necessary to keep plants growing vigorously. If soil is allowed to dry out for any length of time, plants may stop growing and will sometimes remain stunted for the rest of the season even after the soil again becomes moist, Soil between rows should be kept loose by frequent shallow cultivating especially during hot dry weather.

Seedling bulbs should be dug about two weeks earlier than flewering size bulbs or at least before foliage shows any sign of turning brown.

Usually about 70% blooming size bulbs may be expected.

Blooms from seedling bulbs will average much larger than those grown from the same size bulbs from bulblets, and every bloom will be different from any other in existance, either in color, form of floret, size or growth, or in all these characteristics.

In the following list the first named variety is the seed parent in all crosses.

Seeds will be sold only in packets containing at least 30 seeds of one cross. Most packets will contain considerbly more than 30 seeds, however, I guarantee 30 plump seeds in each packet.

PRICE 50¢ per packet

Atom x Orange Butterfly Atom x White Satin Atom x Kewpie Autumn Moon x Catherine Beath Autumn Meon x Yellow Herald Autumn Moon x Gold Boccherini x Salmans Glory Boccherini x Sunspot Bo Peep x White Satin Kewpie x Cherry Jam Kewpie x Bo Peep Kewpie x Maria Goretti Lady Jane x Florence Nightingale Lady Jane x Sierra Snow Lady Jane x Maria Goretti Oberbayern x Pfitzers Sensation Oberbayern x Better Times Oberbayern x Taurus Ophir x Flicker Ophir x Figurine Ophir x Nedia Pink Diamond x Phantom Beauty Pink Diamond x Peggy Ann Pink Diamond x Giant salmon seedling Pactolus x Ophir

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